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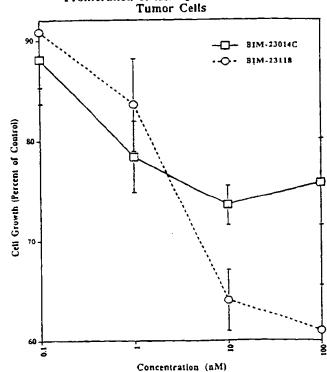
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(57) Abstract

Peptide derivatives containing one or more substituents separately linked by an amide, amino or sulfonamide bond to an amino group on either the N-terminal end or side chain of a biologically active peptide moiety. The peptide derivatives have relatively enhanced biological activity when compared to the corresponding peptide alone.

Effect of Somatostatin Analogs on the Proliferation of AR42J Rat Pancreatic



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THERAPEUTIC PEPTIDE DERIVATIVES

Background of the Invention

This invention relates to therapeutic peptides.

Several attempts have been made to prolong the activity of biologically active peptides. For example, peptides have been chemically modified by synthetically adding sugar moieties to increase the period during which the peptide is active (Sandoz, WO 88/02756; Sandoz, WO 89/09786; DE 3910667 A1, EPO 0 374 089 A2 (1990); and Breipohl, U.S. Patent No. 4,861,755 (1989)). The addition of cationic anchors (EPO 0 363 589 A2 (1990)) and lipid moieties (Whittaker, WO 91/09837; Jung, U.S. Patent No. 4,837,303 (1989)) has also been used to

Summary of the Invention

15 increase the lifetime of the peptide.

In general, the present invention provides derivatives of biologically active peptides which contain one or more substituents separately bonded to an amino group located on the N-terminal end or a side chain of the peptide moiety. In this modified form, the derivatives have more potent and prolonged biological activity than the corresponding unmodified peptide.

The peptide derivatives are advantageous in that
they are inexpensive, highly biocompatible, lack
deleterious side effects, and are compatible with
different forms of therapeutic administration. In
particular, many of the derivatives which have
somatostatin as the peptide moiety have improved greatly
improved potency and selectivity compared to unmodified
somatostatin.

In one aspect, the invention features a peptide derivative containing a biologically active peptide moiety and at least one substituent attached to the

peptide moiety; the substituent is selected from the group including Compounds I, II, and III, where Compound I is:

where:

R₀ is O, S, or NR₅, where R₅ is H or (C_1-C_6) alkyl; each R₁ and R₂, independently, is H, $(CH_2)_mOR_6$, or $CH(OR_7)CH_2OR_8$, where R₆ is H or (C_2-C_7) acyl, and each R₇ and R₈, independently, is H, (C_2-C_7) acyl, or $C(R_9)(R_{10})$, where each R₉ and R₁₀, independently, is H or (C_1-C_6) alkyl; or each R₁ and R₂ is =CHCH₂OR₁₁, wherein in R₁₁, each R₁ and R₂, independently, is H or (C_2-C_7) acyl, and m is an integer between 1 and 5, inclusive; and

one of R_3 or R_4 is $(CH_2)_nR_{12}$ or $(CH_2)_nCH(OH)R_{12}$, where R_{12} is CO, CH_2 , or SO_2 , and n is an integer between 1 and 5, inclusive; and the remaining R_3 or R_4 is H, (C_1-C_6) hydroxyalkyl, or (C_2-C_7) acyl; and

20 Compound II is:

$$R_{13}$$
-O-CH₂
 R_{14} -O-CH₂-C-(CH₂)_m-R₁₆-R₁₇-(CH₂)_n-R₁₈
 R_{15} -O-CH₂

where:

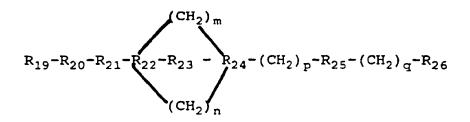
each R_{13} , R_{14} and R_{15} , independently, is H or (C_2 - C_{24}) acyl;

R₁₆ is NH or absent;

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 R_{17} is CO, O, or absent; R_{18} is CO, CH_2 , SO_2 , or absent; and m is an integer between 1 and 5, inclusive; and n is an integer between 0 and 5, inclusive; and

5 Compound III is:



where:

10 R_{19} is H, NH_2 , an aromatic functional group, OH, (C_1-C_6) hydroxyalkyl, $H(R_{27})(R_{28})$, SO_3H , or absent where each R_{27} and R_{28} , independently, is H or (C_1-C_6) alkyl; R_{20} is O or absent;

15 R_{21} is (C_1-C_6) alkyl or absent; R_{22} is N, CH, O, or C; $-R_{23}$ is (C_1-C_6) alkyl or absent; R_{24} is N, CH, or C; R_{25} is NH, O, or absent;

R₂₆ is SO₂, CO, CH₂, or absent; m is an integer between 0 and 5, inclusive; n is an integer between 0 and 5, inclusive; p is an integer between 0 and 5, inclusive; and q is an integer between 0 and 5, inclusive.

In Compounds I, II and III the peptide moiety is attached to each of the substituents by a CO-N, CH₂-N, or SO₂-N bond between the substituent and a nitrogen atom of the N-terminus or a side chain of said peptide moiety.

In preferred embodiments, $-R_{23}$ - is (C_1-C_6) alkyl; R_{22} is N, C or CH; and R_{24} is C. Alternatively, R_{22} is O; R_{19} , R_{20} , R_{21} , and $-R_{23}$ - are absent; and the sum of m and n is 3, 4, or 5.

In other preferred embodiments of the invention, the substituent is Compound I; in this embodiment, R₁₂ is preferably CH₂ or SO₂. Alternatively, the substituent may be Compound II, in which case R₁₈ is preferably CH₂ or SO₂; R₁₃, R₁₄, and R₁₅ are H; and R₁₇ is absent. In particularly preferred embodiments, the substituent is (HOCH₂)₃C-NH-(CH)₂-SO₂ or (HOCH₂)₃C-CH₂.

In still other embodiments of the invention, the substituent is Compound III; preferably, in this embodiment, $-R_{23}$ — is absent and at least one of R_{22} and R_{24} is N. Alternatively, both R_{22} and R_{24} may be N.

In other embodiments, the substituent is one of:

$$HO(CH_2)_2 - N - (CH_2)CO-$$

and

$$HO(CH_2)_2 - N - (CH_2)_2SO_2 -$$

Preferably, the peptide moiety is selected from the group including: somatostatin, bombesin, calcitonin, calcitonin gene related peptide (CGRP), amylin, parathyroid hormone (PTH), gastrin releasing peptide (GRP), melanocyte stimulating hormone (MSH),

adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH), parathyroid related peptide (PTHrP), luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone (LHRH), growth hormone releasing factor (GHRF), growth hormone releasing peptide (GHRP), cholecystokinin (CCK), glucagon, Bradykinin, glucagon-like peptide (GLP),

30 gastrin, enkephalin, neuromedins, endothelin, substance P, neuropeptide Y (NPY), peptide YY (PYY), vasoactive

intestinal peptide (VIP), guanylin, pituitary adenylate cyclase activating polypeptide (PACAP), beta-cell tropin, adrenomedulin, and derivatives, fragments, and analogs thereof.

The peptide moiety is preferably somatostatin or a derivative, fragment, or analog thereof. Most preferably, the somatostatin analog is one of: H-D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Abu-Cys]-Thr-NH2, H-D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys]-Nal-NH2, and H-D-Nal-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys]-Thr-NH2. Alternatively, the peptide moiety is bombesin or a derivative, fragment or analog thereof.

In still other preferred embodiments, the peptide derivative is one of:

15 and

$$N - (CH_2)_2 - N$$
 $N - (CH_2)_2 SO_2 - D - Phe - c[Cys - Tyr - D - Trp - Lys - Abu - Cys] - Thr - NH2$

In another aspect, the invention provides a dimeric peptide derivative containing two biologically active peptide moieties, and at least one substituent attached to each of the peptide moieties. The substituent is selected from the group consisting of compounds IV and V, where compound IV has a generic structure equivalent to compound I, and compound V has a generic structure equivalent to compound III. In the dimer, each of the peptide moieties is attached to the substituents by a CO-N, CH₂-N, or SO₂-N bond between the substituent and a nitrogen atom of the N-terminus or a side chain of one of the peptide moieties.

In yet another aspect, the invention provides a 30 method for treating a disease, such as cancer, in a

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patient; the method includes the step of administering to the patient a therapeutic amount of the peptide derivatives described herein. In preferred embodiments, the peptide moiety used in the treatment is somatostatin.

By "biologically active", as used herein, is meant a naturally occurring, recombinant, and synthetic peptide having physiological or therapeutic activity. general, this term covers all derivatives, fragments, and analogs of biologically active peptides which exhibit a 10 qualitatively similar or opposite effect to that of the unmodified peptide.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 is a graph of two growth curves of AR42J cells in the presence of different somatostatin 15 derivatives.

Description of the Preferred Embodiments Peptide Derivatives

In general, peptide derivatives of the invention contain two separate components: 1) a biologically active 20 peptide; and, 2) at least one substituent having the structure of Compounds I, II, and III. derivatives made according to the methods described herein include the following compounds. Compound I-Based Derivatives

$$R_1$$
 R_2 R_3 R_4 R_5 R_5

$$R_1$$
 R_2 O $O - (CH2)1 R_{12} -NH-P.$

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wherein R₀, R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₁₂, and n are as defined herein, and NH-P' is the biologically active peptide moiety. In these embodiments, the NH group is located on the N-terminal end or side chain of the peptide and P' represents the remainder of the peptide.

Compound II-based Derivatives

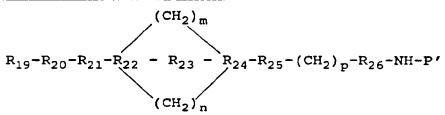
$$R_{13}$$
-O-CH₂
 R_{14} -O-CH₂-C-(CH₂)_m-R₁₆-R₁₇-(CH₂)_n-R₁₈-NH-P'

 R_{15} -O-CH₂

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wherein R_{13} , R_{14} , R_{15} , R_{16} , R_{17} , R_{18} , m, n, and NH-P' are as defined herein.

Compound III-Based Derivatives



wherein R_{19} , R_{20} , R_{21} , R_{22} , R_{23} , R_{24} , R_{25} , R_{26} , m, n, p, and NH-P' are as defined herein.

In addition to the structures shown above, compounds made according to the invention include peptide 20 derivatives containing two or more substituents attached to one peptide moiety. These embodiments of the invention are derivatives of biologically active peptides which have more than one free amino group, e.g., a lysine residue.

The invention also provides dimeric peptide derivatives containing two peptide moieties bound to a

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single substituent, e.g., two Bradykinin analogs bound to a substituent of Compound V.

The peptide derivatives of the invention are derivatives of biologically active peptides selected from 5 the following group: somatostatin, bombesin, calcitonin, calcitonin gene related peptide (CGRP), amylin, parathyroid hormone (PTH), gastrin releasing peptide (GRP), melanocyte stimulating hormone (MSH), adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH), parathyroid related 10 peptide (PTHrP), luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone (LHRH), growth hormone releasing factor (GRF), growth hormone releasing peptide (GHRP), cholecystokinin (CCK), glucagon, bradykinin, glucagon-like peptide (GLP), gastrin, enkephalin, neuromedins, endothelin, substance 15 P, neuropeptide Y (NPY), peptide YY (PYY), vasoactive intestinal peptide (VIP), guanylin, pituitary adenylate cyclase activating polypeptide (PACAP), beta-cell tropin, adrenomedulin, or derivatives, fragments, or analogs of any of the foregoing.

In especially preferred embodiments, the peptide moiety is somatostatin or a derivative, fragment, or analog of somatostatin. Somatostatin analogs which can be used in accordance with the present invention include, but are not limited to the following compounds:

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H-D-β-Nal-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

H-D-Phe-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-β-Nal-NH<sub>2</sub>;

H-D-Phe-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-β-Nal-NH<sub>2</sub>;

H-D-β-Nal-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

H-D-Phe-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Pen-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

H-D-Phe-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Pen-Thr-NH<sub>2</sub>;

H-D-Phe-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Pen-Thr;

H-D-Phe-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Pen-Thr;

H-Gly-Pen-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr;

H-Phe-Pen-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr;
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H-D-Phe-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-ol;
             H-D-Phe-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-NH2;
             H-D-Trp-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-Thr-NH2;
             H-D-Trp-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-NH2;
             H-D-Phe-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-Thr-NH2;
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             H-D-Phe-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-Trp-NH2;
             H-D-Phe-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-Thr-NH2;
             Ac-D-Phe-Lys*-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Asp-Thr-NH,
             Ac-hArg(Et)<sub>2</sub>-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-
10
             Thr-NH2;
             Ac-D-hArg(Et)2-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-
             NH<sub>2</sub>;
             Ac-D-hArg(Bu)-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-
15
             Ac-D-hArg(Et) 2-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-NH2;
             Ac-L-hArg(Et) 2-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-NH2; **
             Ac-D-hArg(CH2CF3)2-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-
             Ac-D-hArg(CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-
20
             Thr-NH2;
             Ac-D-hArg(CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-
             Phe-NH2;
             Ac-D-hArg(CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-
             Thr-NHEt;
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             Ac-L-hArg(CH2-CF3)2-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-
             Thr-NH2;
            {\tt Ac-D-hArg\,(CH_2CF_3)_2-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys\,(Me)-Thr-}\\
             Cys-Thr-NH2;
            Ac-D-hArg(CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys(Me)-Thr-
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             Cys-Thr-NHEt;
            Ac-hArg(CH3, hexyl)-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-
            Thr-NH2;
            H-hArg(hexyl2)-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-
            NH2;
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Ac-D-hArg(Et)2-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-
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             NH2;
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             Propionyl-D-hArg(Et)<sub>2</sub>-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys(iPr)-
             Thr-Cys-Thr-NH2;
             Ac-D-β-Nal-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Gly-
            hArg(Et)2-NH2;
            Ac-D-Lys(iPr)-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-
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            Ac-D-hArg(CH_2CF_3)_2-D-hArg(CH_2CF_3)_2-Gly-Cys-Phe-D-
            Trp-
            Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-NH2;
            Ac-D-hArg(CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-D-hArg(CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-Gly-Cys-Phe-
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            D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Phe-NH2;
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            Thr-Cys-Thr-NH2;
            Ac-Cys-Lys-Asn-4-Cl-Phe-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-
            Thr-Ser-D-Cys-NH2;
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            Bmp-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-Thr-NH2;
            Bmp-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-Phe-NH2;
            Bmp-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-p-Cl-Phe-NH2;
            Bmp-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-\beta-Nal-NH2
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           NH2;
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            Thr-NH2;
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            Ac-D-p-Cl-Phe-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Abu-Cys-Thr-NH2;
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           cyclo (Pro-Phe-D-Trp-N-Me-Lys-Thr-Phe);
           cyclo (Pro-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-N-Me-Phe);
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           cyclo (N-Me-Ala-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe);
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           cyclo (D-Ala-N-Me-D-Phe-D-Val-Lys-D-Trp-D-Phe);
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           cyclo (Asn-Phe-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-β-Ala);
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cyclo (Asn-Phe-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Tyr(But)-Gaba);
            cyclo (Bmp-Lys-Asn-Phe-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-
            Pro-Cys) -OH;
           cyclo (Bmp-Lys-Asn-Phe-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-
 5
           Pro-Cys) -OH;
           cyclo (Bmp-Lys-Asn-Phe-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-
            Tpo-Cys) -OH;
           cyclo (Bmp-Lys-Asn-Phe-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-
           MeLeu-Cys) -OH;
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           cyclo (Phe-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Phe-Gaba);
           cyclo (Phe-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-D-Phe-Gaba);
           cyclo (Phe-Phe-D-Trp(5F)-Lys-Thr-Phe-Phe-Gaba);
           cyclo (Asn-Phe-Phe-D-Trp-Lys(Ac)-Thr-Phe-NH-
           (CH_2)_3 - CO);
15
           cyclo (Lys-Phe-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Gaba);
           cyclo (Lys-Phe-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Gaba); and
           cyclo (Orn-Phe-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Gaba)
   where Lys* indicates an amide bridge formed between Lys*
   and Asp.
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   in the following references, each of which is
   incorporated herein by reference:
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   4,650,787; 4,603,120; 4,585,755; 4,522,813; 4,486,415;
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   4,358,439; 4,328,214; 4,316,890; 4,310,518; 4,291,022;
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4,238,481; 4,235,886; 4,224,190; 4,211,693; 4,190,648; 4,146,612; and 4,133,782.

In the somatostatin analogs listed above, each amino acid residue has the structure of NH-C(R)H-CO-, in 5 which R is the side chain; lines between amino acid residues represent peptide bonds which join the amino acids. When the amino acid residue is optically active, it is the L-form configuration that is intended unless the D-form is expressly designated. When two Cys 10 residues are present in the peptide, a disulfide bridge is formed between the two moieties. This bond, however, is not shown in the listed residues.

Additionally preferred somatostatin analogs of the invention are of the following formula:

15 R_1 $A_1-A_2-A_3-D-Trp-Lys-A_6-A_7-A_8-R_3$

wherein A₁ is a D- or L-isomer of β-Nal, Trp, β-pyridyl-Ala, Phe, substituted Phe, or deleted; and each A₂ and A₇, independently, is Cys, Asp, or Lys. These moieties are covalently linked to each other via a disulfide bridge or an amide bridge. In addition, A₃ is β-Nal, Phe, or o-, m-, or p-substituted X-Phe where X is a halogen, OH, NH₂, NO₂ or C₁₋₃ alkyl; A₆ is Val, Thr, Ser, Ala, Phe, β-Nal,
Abu, Ile, Nle, or Nva; and A₈ is Phe, Thr, Tyr, Trp, Ser, β-Nal, an alcohol group, or deleted; each R₁ and R₂, independently, is H, lower acyl or lower alkyl; and R₃ is OH, NH₂, or deleted. Preferably, when one of A₂ and A₇ is Cys, the other is also Cys; when A₈ is an alpha-amino
alcohol, R₃ is deleted; and when neither of A₂ and A₇ is Cys, A₂ is different from A₇.

Especially preferred somatostatin analogs of this embodiment are:

Me-D-Phe-Cys-Tyr-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys-Thr-NH₂;

H-D-Nal-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Nal-NH₂;

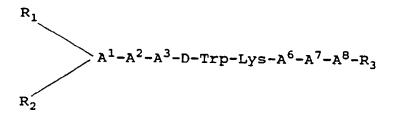
H-D-Nal-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-NH₂;

H-D-Phe-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Abu-Cys-Thr-NH₂;

H-D-Phe-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Nal-NH₂; and

H-D-Phe-Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys-Thr-ol.

In other embodiments, linear somatostatin analogs 10 of the invention have the following structure:



wherein A¹ is a D- or L- isomer of Ala, Leu, Ile, 15 Val, Nle, Thr, Ser, β-Nal, β-pyridyl-Ala, Trp, Phe, 2,4-dichloro-Phe, pentafluoro-Phe, p-X-Phe, or o-X-Phe, wherein X is CH₃, Cl, Br, F, OH, OCH₃ or NO₂;

A² is Ala, Leu, Ile, Val, Nle, Phe, β-Nal, pyridyl-Ala, Trp, 2,4-dichloro-Phe, pentafluoro-Phe, o-X-20 Phe, or p-X-Phe, wherein X is CH₃, Cl, Br, F, OH, OCH₃ or NO₂;

 A^3 is pyridyl-Ala, Trp, Phe, β -Nal, 2,4-dichloro-Phe, pentafluoro-Phe, o-X-Phe, or p-X-Phe, wherein X is CH₃, Cl, Br, F, OH, OCH₃ or NO₂;

A⁶ is Val, Ala, Leu, Ile, Nle, Thr, Abu, or Ser;
A⁷ is Ala, Leu, Ile, Val, Nle, Phe, β-Nal,
pyridyl-Ala, Trp, 2,4-dichloro-Phe, pentafluoro-Phe, o-XPhe, or p-X-Phe, wherein X is CH₃, Cl, Br, F, OH, OCH₃ or
NO₂;

A⁸ is a D- or L-isomer of Ala, Leu, Ile, Val, Nle, Thr, Ser, Phe, β-Nal, pyridyl-Ala, Trp, 2,4-dichloro-Phe, pentafluoro-Phe, p-X-Phe, or o-X-Phe, wherein X is CH₃, Cl, Br, F, OH, OCH₃ or NO₂, or an alcohol thereof; and each R₁ and R₂, independently, is H, lower acyl or lower alkyl; and R₃ is OH, NH₂, or deleted. Preferably, at least one of A¹ and A⁸ and one of A² and A⁷ must be an aromatic amino acid; and when A⁸ is an alcohol, R₃ is deleted. Additionally, A¹, A², A⁷ and A⁸ cannot all be aromatic amino acids. Particularly preferred analogs of this aspect of the invention include:

H-D-Phe-p-chloro-Phe-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-ThrNH₂;

H-D-Phe-p-NO₂-Phe-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH₂;

H-D-Nal-p-chloro-Phe-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-ThrNH₂;

H-D-Phe-Phe-Phe-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Phe-Thr-NH₂;

H-D-Phe-Phe-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-Thr-NH₂;

H-D-Phe-p-chloro-Phe-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Phe-ThrNH₂;

and
H-D-Phe-Ala-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Ala-D-β-Nal-NH₂.

In still other preferred embodiments, the peptide moiety is bombesin or a derivative, fragment, or analog of bombesin. Bombesin analogs which can be used to practice the present invention include, but are not limited to, Neuromedin C, Neuromedin B, litorin, and gastrin-releasing peptide (GRP), which has the following amino acid sequence:

H-Ala-Pro-Val-Ser-Val-Gly-Gly-Thr-Val-LeuAla-Lys-Met-Tyr-Pro-Arg-Gly-Asn-HisTrp-Ala-Val-Gly-His- Leu-Met-NH₂

Other bombesin analogs which may be used in the present invention include compounds described in the

following references, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference:

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- 30 193 A1 (1989); PCT Applications Nos. WO 90/01037 (1990); 90/02545 (1992); and UK Application GB 1 231 051 A (1990).

The peptides of the invention can be provided in the form of pharmaceutically acceptable salts. Examples of preferred salts are those with therapeutically

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acceptable organic acids, e.g., acetic, lactic, maleic, citric, malic, ascorbic, succinic, benzoic, salicylic, methanesulfonic, toluenesulfonic, or pamoic acid, as well as polymeric acids such as tannic acid or carboxymethyl cellulose, and salts with inorganic acids such as hydrohalic acids, including hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, and phosphoric acid.

Synthesis of Compounds

The syntheses of Compounds I, II and III are now 10 described.

The following abbreviations are used in describing syntheses of compounds according to the present invention:

	Nal:	naphthylalanine (1 or 2)	#1 ***
15	Abu:	alpha-aminobutyric acid	
	D:	dextrorotatory	:
	L:	levorotatory	
	HOAC:	acetic acid	
20	BOP:	benzotriazol-l-yloxytris(dimethylamino) phosphonium hexafluoro-phosphate	137 .1
	BOC:	tert-butyloxycarbonyl	
	DCC:	dicyclohexyl carbodiimide	
	EDC:	1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3- ethylcarbodiimide	
25	DEPC:	diethylcyanophosphonate	
	DMF:	dimethylformamide	
	CH ₂ CL ₂ :	dichloromethane	
	MeOH:	methanol	
	EtoH:	ethanol	
30	DIEA:	N,N-diisopropylethylamine	
	HOBT:	1-hydroxybenzotriazole	

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HBTU: O-Benzotriazol-1-yl,N,N,N',N'-

tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate

THF: Tetrahydrofuran

TFA: Trifluoroacetic Acid

Starting materials and intermediates for Compounds I, II, and II are commercially available. Alternatively, the starting materials can be easily prepared by methods which are well known and included in the literature. For example, the chemistry of ascorbic acid-related

15 reference. The chemistry for tris-related derivatives can be found in <u>Arch. Biochem. Biophy</u>, <u>96</u>, 653 (1962), <u>Biochem.</u>, <u>5</u> 467 (1966), the contents of which are also incorporated herein by reference.

Synthesis of Peptide Derivatives

In a general sense, the coupling of Compounds I, II, or III to an appropriate free amino group of a protected amino acid or peptide can be achieved according to well-known methods employed for peptide synthesis (e.g., DCC, DCC-HOBT, DIC-HOBT PPA, EDC-HOBT, DEPT, BOP,

25 HBTU) using a base (e.g. DIEA) in an inert solvent (e.g. DMF, THF or CH₂Cl₂ ethyl acetate or combination thereof). Deblocking of protected groups may also be carried out by well-known methods (e.g., removal of the group by the addition of acid or base, TFA, dioxan-HCl, ammonia,

30 NaOMe, piperidine). In most cases, the reaction temperature should range from -30°C to room temperature.

In general, the first step of the synthesis involves the reaction between an epoxide and a free amino

group of a protected amino acid or peptide; complexation and deprotection can be achieved utilizing well-known methods, such as those described in McManus, et al., Synth.Communications.3, 177 (1973), the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. Following synthesis, purification of the intermediates and products can be achieved by conventional methods such as chromatography or HPLC. The identification of the compounds may be determined by conventional techniques such as NMR, amino acid analysis, and mass spectrometry.

The following Examples illustrate the preferred methods for forming the compounds of the invention.

Example 1 - Synthesis of Somatostatin Derivatives

The following somatostatin derivative, also 15 referred to herein as BIM-23118, was synthesized in accordance with the invention:

Example 1.1 - 3-0-(Benzyloxycarbonylmethyl)-2,5,6triacetyl-ascorbic acid

Acetic anhydride (6 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of 3-0-(benzyloxycarbonylmethyl)-ascorbic acid (2.2 g) in pyridine (30 ml); the mixture was then stirred overnight at room temperature. Pyridine was evaporated under reduced pressure leaving a residue which was then partitioned between ethyl acetate and 1N HCl. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with 1N HCl, and then water. After drying (MgSO₄), the ethyl acetate was evaporated under reduced pressure; traces of pyridine and acetic anhydride which still remained were removed by multiple co-evaporations with toluene. The resulting 3-0-

(Benzyloxycarbonylmethyl)-2,5,6-triacetyl-ascorbic acid was dried under vacuum to yield a viscous gel which remained in the residue (2.4 g). TLC (silica gel: CHCl₃/acetone [9:1], Rf=0.52).

5 Example 1.2 - 3-0-(carboxymethyl)-2,5,6-triacetyl-ascorbic acid

A slurry of Pd-C (100 mg) in water (2 ml) was added to a solution of 3-0-(benzyloxycarbonylmethyl)-2,5,6-triacetyl-ascorbic acid (2.4 g) in ethanol (30 ml), 10 and the suspension was shaken under hydrogen (17 psi) for six hours. The catalyst was then removed by filtration through a celite pad and the filtrate evaporated under reduced pressure to yield 3-0-(carboxymethyl)-2,5,6-triacetyl-ascorbic acid. TLC (silica gel: CHCl₃/MeOH/HOAc [9:1:0.1], Rf=0.2).

Example 1.3 - 5,6-0-Isopropylideneascorbic acid

Acetylchloride (0.67 ml)was added to a rapidly stirred suspension of ascorbic acid (8.0 g) in acetone (80 ml) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The precipitate was collected by filtration, washed with ethyl acetate, and dried at reduced pressure to afford 8.29 g of 5,6-0-Isopropylideneascorbic acid as a colorless solid. TLC (silica gel: CHCl₃/MeOH/HOAC [3:1:0.1], Rf=0.54).

25 Example 1.4 - 3-0-(Ethoxycarbonylpropyl)-5.6isopropylidene-ascorbic acid

A solution of 5,6-isopropylidene ascorbic acid (2.0 g) in 10 ml DMF was added dropwise to a suspension of NaH (0.44 g of 50% mineral oil NaH dispersion washed with hexane several times) in 5 ml DMF. After gas evolution ceased, a solution of 1.43 ml ethyl 4-bromobutyrate in 5 ml DMF was added dropwise and the

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mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight.

Solvent was evaporated at reduced pressure and the resultant residue was chromatographed on silica gel (55 g) using CHCl₃/MeOH (19:1) as an eluant. Appropriate fractions were pooled and solvents removed at reduced pressure to yield a viscous residue containing 3-0-(Ethoxycarbonylpropyl)-5,6-isopropylidene-ascorbic acid (1.1 g).

Example 1.5 - 3-0-(carboxypropyl)-5,6-isopropylidene 10 ascorbic acid

4.6 ml of 2N-NaOH was added to a solution of 3-0(ethyoxycarbonylpropyl)-5,6-isopropylidene-ascorbic acid
(1.02 g) in 15 ml EtoH. After one hour, most of the
ethanol was removed at reduced pressure and the residue

15 was diluted with water (10 ml), and acidified with dilHCL (pH 3). The solution was then saturated with NaCl
and extracted several times with ethyl acetate; the
pooled extracts were then dried using MgSO₄. Solvent was
evaporated at reduced pressure to yield a viscous residue

20 containing 3-0-(carboxypropyl)-5,6-isopropylidene
ascorbic acid (0.84 g). TLC: (Silica gel:
CHCl₃/MeOH/HOAC [5:1:0.1], Rf=0.55).

Example 1.6 - D-Nal-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys(BOC)-Val-Cys]Thr-NH₂

A solution of di-tertbutyl dicarbonate (0.36 g) in 10 ml DMF was added dropwise to a solution of D-Nal-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys]-Thr-NH2 acetate (2 g, BIM-23014) in 45 ml DMF. After two hours at room temperature, solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield a residue which was then chromatographed on silica gel (150 g) using CHCl3/MeOH(9:1) as an eluant. Appropriate fractions were pooled and solvents removed under reduced pressure to yield a residue containing D-

Nal-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys(BOC)-Val-Cys]-Thr-NH $_2$ (1.45 g). TLC (silica gel: CHCl $_3$ /MeOH [3:1], Rf=0.52).

Example 1.7 -

0.2 ml diisopropylethylamine was added to a

5 solution of D-Nal-Cyclo-[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys(BOC)-Val-Cys]Thr-NH₂ (300 mg), 3-0-(carboxypropyl)-5,6-isopropylidene
ascorbic acid (56 mg) and HBTU (113 mg) in 5 ml DMF. The
mixture was then stirred at room temperature overnight,
and solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The

10 residue was partitioned between a mixture of ethyl

residue was partitioned between a mixture of ethyl acetate/MeOH and a saturated aqueous NaCl solution, and the ethyl acetate layer was washed with saturated aqueous NaCl, then saturated aqueous NaHCO3, and then dried (MgSO4). Solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure,

and the residue was subjected to preparative TLC using a CHCl₃/MeOH (8:1) mixture as a developing solvent. The appropriate UV-positive zone was isolated and extracted with CHCl₃/MeOH. Solvents were removed at reduced pressure to yield the above-identified product (0.20 g).

20 TLC (silica gel: CHCl₃/MeOH[5:1], Rf=0.54).

Example 1.8 - Removal of BOC Group

The ascorbic acid derivative containing D-Nal-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys(BOC)-Val-Cys]-Thr-NH₂ (95 mg) shown above was treated with 25% TFA in CHCl₃ for 45 min. at room temperature. Volatile substances were removed under reduced pressure to yield a dried residue which was purified using Vydac C₁₈ HPLC and CH₃CN/0.1% aqueous TFA. The final yield was 90 mg (FAB-MS (m/e) 1341).

Example 1.9 - Other Embodiments

The following somatostatin derivatives were also synthesized in an analogous manner:

Example 2 - Synthesis of BIM-23107

The following somatostatin derivative, also referred to as BIM-23107, was synthesized in accordance to the invention.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} (AcO-CH_2)_3-C-NH-CO-(CH_2)_2-CO-D-Nal-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys]-Thr-NH_2 \end{tabular}$

Example 2.1 - (Aco-CH₂)₃-C-NH-CO-(CH₂)₂-CO-D-Nal-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys(BOC)-Val-Cys]-Thr-NH₂

0.03 ml DIEA was added to an ice-cooled solution of 2-N-(succinyl)amino-2-(acetoxymethyl)-1,3-propanediol

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diacetate (83 mg) and HBTU (92 mg) in 2 ml of DMF. After stirring at 0-5° C for 30 minutes, a solution of D-Nal-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys(BOC)-Val-Cys]-Thr-NH2 (100 mg) in 2 ml DMF, containing 0.03 ml DIEA, was added. The mixture 5 was first stirred at 0-5° C for one hour and then stirred at room temperature overnight. The solvent was removed at reduced pressure to yield a dried residue which was partitioned between ethyl acetate and aqueous saturated NaCl, and the EtoAc layer washed with aqueous 5% NaHCO, and finally aqueous saturated NaCl; the resulting solution was then dried using MgSO4. The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure leaving a residue containing (AcO-CH2)3-C-NH-CO-(CH2)2-CO-D-Nal-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys(BOC)-Val-Cys]-Thr-NH2 (0.14 gm). TLC (Silica Gel : CHCl3/MeOH/HOAc = 4:1:0.1, Rf=0.82).

Example 2.2 - Removal of BOC group

30 mg of the above-identified compound was treated with 50% TFA in CHCl₃ for 45 minutes at room temperature; volatile substances were then removed at reduced pressure to yield a residue. Traces of TFA were co-evaporated with ethanol several times and the residue was titrated with ether and then dried to yield 30 mg of the product (30 mg). TLC (Silica gel: CHCl₃/MeOH/HOAc = 3:1:1, Rf=0.24).

25 Example 2.3 - Other Embodiments

The following somatostatin derivatives were also synthesized in an analogous manner.

 $(HO-CH_2)_3-C-NH-CO-(CH_2)_2-CO-D-Nal-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys]-Thr-NH_2$

30 BIM-23158

(HO-CH₂)₃-C-NH-CO-(CH₂)₂-CO-D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys]-Nal-NH₂

BIM-23167

BIM-23173

 $\label{eq:ho-ch2} \mbox{(HO-CH$_2$)}_3-\mbox{C-NH-CH$_2$-CO-D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys]-Nal-NH$_2}$

BIM-23179

10 (HO-CH₂)₃-C-NH-CH₂-CO-D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Abu-Cys]-Thr-NH₂

BIM-23182

Example 3 - Synthesis of BIM-23201

The following somatostatin derivative, also

15 referred to as (BIM-23201), was synthesized in accordance with the present invention.

(HO-CH₂)₃-C-CH₂-D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys]-Nal-NH₂

Example 3.1 - (HO-CH₂)₃-C-CH₂-D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys]-Nal-NH₂

Two grams of 3Å molecular sieve followed by NaCNBH₃ (36 mg) were added portion-wise in 15 minute increments to a solution of D-Phe-c[Cys Tyr (OBt)-D-Trp-Lys(BOC)-Thr(OBt) Cys] Nal-NH₂ (250 mg) and tris (acetoxymethyl)acetaldehyde (120 mg) obtained by oxidation of triacetyl penta-erythritol with pyridinium dichromate or DMSO/oxalyl chloride/triethylamine) in methanol (10 ml) containing 10% acetic acid. The mixture

was then stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes and heated for 4 hours. After filtration, the residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate and water. The ethyl acetate layer was washed with water, then aqueous NaHCO3, 5 and then dried (MgSO₄). The solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure to yield a residue (0.4 g) which was then dissolved in methanol (5 ml), treated with a NaOMe/MeOH solution (pH 10), stirred for 1 hour and finally neutralized with 1 N HCl to pH 5-6. After 10 evaporation of solvent, the residue was dissolved in 90% aqueous TFA (5 ml) and stirred for 30 minutes. Volatiles were removed at reduced pressure and traces of TFA and water in the resulting residue were removed by coevaporation with alcohol (2x). The residue was dried, 15 then titrated with ether, and finally purified by HPLC using conditions similar to those described earlier, to yield 41 mg of (HO-CH₂)₃-C-CH₂-D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys]-Nal-NH2 as a colorless solid. MS (m/e) 1262.8.

Example 3.2 - Other Embodiments

The following somatostatin derivative, also referred to as BIM-23195, was synthesized in an analogous manner.

(Ho-CH₂)₃C-CH₂-D-Phe-C[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Abu-Cys]-Thr-NH₂
BIM-23195

25 Example 4 - Synthesis of BIM-23197

The following somatostatin derivative, also referred to as BIM-23197, was synthesized in accordance with the invention.

Example 4.1 - 2-Bromoethanesulfonyl Chloride

Na 2-Bromoethanesulfonate (4.0 g) was treated with PCl₅ (11.8 g) while cooling in an ice bath. After reaching the liquid phase, the solution was heated at 90-120 °C for 1.5 hours in oil, cooled to room temperature, poured into 50 g of crushed ice, and then stirred for 15 min. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3 x 30 ml) and combined extracts were washed with H₂O (2 x), 5% NaHCO₃ (2 x), and H₂O (2 x) again. Drying over anhydrous 10 MgSO₄ and distillation under reduced pressure gave 2-bromoethanesulfonyl chloride as a colorless liquid (1.95 g, 42-44 °C/1 mm Hg).

Example 4.2 - Br-(CH₂)₂-SO₂ -D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr(tBu)-D-Trp-Lys(Boc)-Abu-Cys]-Thr(tBu)-NH(1-cyclopropyl-1-methyl)ethyl

A solution of 2-bromoethane sulfonyl chloride (30 mg) in DMF (1 ml) was added dropwise to a solution of H= D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr(tBu)-D-Trp-Lys(Boc)-Abu-Cys]-Thr(tBu)-(1cyclopropyl-1-methyl)-ethyl (150 mg) and DIEA (55 mg) in 20 DMF (2 ml) under N_2 at 0 $^{\circ}$ C. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0-5 'C for 3 hours; solvent was then removed under reduced pressure. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with 5% citric acid (2 x), 5% $NaHCO_3$ (2 x) and brine (2 x). The solution was then 25 dried over anhydrous MgSO4, filtered, and condensed to dryness under reduced pressure. The product was further purified by a short silica gel column eluted with ethyl acetate. Fractions containing the product were pooled and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure, 30 giving 105 mg of Br-(CH₂)₂-SO₂ -D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr(tBu)-D-Trp-Lys(Boc)-Abu-Cys]-Thr(tBu)-NH(1-cyclopropyl-1methyl)-ethyl as a slightly yellow solid. (Silica gel, $CHCl_3/MeOH/HOAc$ (9:1:0.1), Rf=0.36).

Example 4.3 -

A solution of Br-(CH₂)₂-SO₂-D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr(tBu)-D-Trp-Lys(Boc)-Abu-Cys]-Thr(tBu)-NH(1-cyclopropyl-1-methyl)-ethyl (100 mg) and 2-hydroxyethylpiperazine (55 mg) in 2 ml of 1-propanol was refluxed under N₂ for 2.5 hours. The solution was then cooled to room temperature, and the solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The residue was then dissolved in ethyl acetate containing 5% MeOH and washed with brine (3 x). Finally, the solution was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and condensed to dryness under reduced pressure, resulting in 110 mg of the above-identified solid. Without further purification, this compound was used directly in the next step.

Example 4.4 -

obtained in the previous step was dissolved in 10 ml of 90% TFA aqueous solution, and stirred at room temperature under N₂ for one hour. TFA and H₂O were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was titrated with cold ether (3 x 10 ml). A slightly yellow solid was obtained; this material was further purified on preparative reverse phase HPLC, eluting with: 1) a NH₄OAc aqueous solution; and, 2) an HOAc aqueous solution. Lyophilization of the pooled fractions containing the above-identified product gave a white solid. (18 mg. ESI-MS, ((m+1)/e) 1252.7).

Example 4.5 - Other Embodiments

The following somatostatin derivatives were also synthesized in an analogous manner:

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<u>BIM-23190</u>

BIM-23191

(HO-CH₂)₃C-NH-(CH₂)₂-SO₂-D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Abu-Cys]-Thr-NH₂

BIM-23196

BIM-23202

Example 5 - Synthesis of Bombesin Derivatives

The following bombesin derivative, also referred 15 to as BIM-26333, was synthesized in an analogous manner as described above:

Other peptide derivatives of the invention can be synthesized in an analogous manner, using synthetic modifications known in the art.

Results of Assays of Test Peptides

5 Example 6 - Binding Assays

In order to demonstrate the binding affinity of somatostatin (SRIF) analogs to the somatostatin receptor, the purified compounds described above were tested in somatostatin binding assays involving measurements of the in vitro inhibition of the binding of [125I-Tyr11]SRIF-14 to rat AR42J pancreas membranes. As indicated in Table I, purified somatostatin analogs of this invention demonstrated high binding affinities to these receptors. Additionally, the molecular weight, determined by mass spectrometry and estimated from the molecular structure, is listed in the table for each somatostatin derivative.

Similarly, the purified bombesin analog described above was tested in a bombesin binding assay. The binding assay consisted of measurements of the <u>in vitro</u> inhibition of the binding of [125I-Tyr11] bombesin to rat AR42J pancreas membranes; from the assay, the binding affinity of the bombesin analog to the GRP receptor was determined to be about 21 nM.

25 Example 7 - Growth Hormone (GH) Inhibition Assay

Groups of five male Sprague Dawley rats (each having a weight between 250-300 g) were injected s.c. with a somatostatin derivative or saline. Thirty minutes prior to the selected post-drug time periods shown in table II (2 hours, 4 hours, 6 hours, 8 hours), rats were anesthetized with Nembutal i.p. (50 mg/kg). Fifteen minutes following anesthesia, an aliquot of blood was withdrawn by cardiac puncture over heparin to measure basal GH. Additionally, a s.c. injection of D-Ala²-GRF (10 μg/kg) was given. Fifteen minutes later, blood was

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withdrawn to quantitate the stimulated GH, which was measured in plasma using a radioimmunoassay supplied by NIADDKD. The percentage of GH inhibition was calculated from differences obtained between basal and stimulated GH values.

Table II shows the effect of various purified somatostatin analogs as a function of time. The efficacy of D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys]-Nal-NH₂ (BIM-23060) in inhibiting growth hormone in rats is compared with other somatostatin derivatives (BIM-23167, BIM-23179, and BIM-23181) of the invention. All derivatives demonstrate a surprising prolonged duration of action which decreases in a time-dependent fashion.

Additional experiments were conducted on D-Phe15 c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Abu-Cys]-Thr-NH₂, a somatostatin analog, and BIM-23190, BIM-23195 and BIM-23197, to determine the ED₅₀ (i.e., the concentration of each compound required to inhibit fifty percent of growth hormone release after a specified time) of the respective compound. Experiments were conducted at a dose range of between 25 µg/kg and 0.25 µg/kg. Table III shows the surprising improvement of the somatostatin derivatives over the unmodified peptide at the various time intervals, indicating the time-dependent inhibition of stimulated GH release by the compounds of the invention.

Example 8 - Antiproliferative Assay

The purified somatostatin analogs described above were also tested for activity against rapidly proliferating cells. Table IV describes the effect of these peptides on the growth of AR42J rat pancreas tumor cells. Unlike natural somatostatin, the derivatives of the invention demonstrate substantial anti-proliferative activity. Referring now to Fig. 1, both BIM-23014C (a somatostatin analog) and BIM-23118 (a derivative of BIM-

23014) inhibit the growth of AR42J rat pancreas tumor cells in a concentration-dependent fashion, with BIM-23118 being the more effective of the two compounds. Both compounds inhibit tumor cell growth to a greater extent than unmodified somatostatin analogs at equivalent concentrations.

Example 9 - Thymidine Uptake Assay

In this assay, stock cultures of Swiss 3T3 cells are grown in Dulbecco's Modified Eagles Medium (DMEM) and 10 supplemented with 10% fetal calf serum in a humidified atmosphere of 10% CO2 and 90% air at 37°C. Cells were then seeded into 24-well cluster trays and used four days after the last change of medium. In order to arrest cells in the G1/G0 phase of the cell cycle, the a serum-15 free DMEM was used 24 hours prior to the thymidine uptake assay; cells were then washed twice with 1 ml aliquots of DMEM (-serum, 0.5 μ M) and [methyl-3H] thymidine (20Ci/mmole, New England Nuclear). Bombesin derivatives were initially tested at 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 20 100 nM. After 28 hours at 37°C, [methyl-3H] thymidine incorporation into acid-insoluble pools was assayed as follows. Cells were first washed twice with ice-cold 0.9% NaCl (1 ml aliquots); acid-soluble radioactivity was then removed by 30-minute incubation at 40°C with 5% 25 trichloroacetic acid (TCA). The cultures were then washed once (1 ml) with 95% ethanol and solubilized by a 30-minute incubation with 1 ml of 0.1N NaOH. solubilized material was transferred to vials containing 10 ml ScintA (Packard), and the radioactivity determined 30 by liquid scintillation spectrometry. This assay demonstrates the ability of the bombesin derivatives to

stimulate thymidine uptake into the cells. The EC50 was

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calculated to be 0.48 nm, thus demonstrating that the bombesin derivatives of the invention are potent simulators of thymidine uptake.

Methods of Use

The peptide derivatives of the invention may be administered to a mammal, particularly a human, in one of the traditional modes (e.g., orally, parenterally, transdermally, or transmucosally), in a sustained-release formulation using a biodegradable, biocompatible polymer, or by on-site delivery (e.g., in the case of an anticancer bombesin or somatostatin derivatives, to the lungs) using micelles, gels and liposomes. Dosages are generally the same as those currently used for therapeutic peptides in humans.

Additionally, the peptide derivatives of the invention are suitable for the improved treatment of diseases which are susceptible to treatment by the corresponding unmodified peptide. In particular, the somatostatin derivatives described above are suitable for the treatment of cancer, acromegaly, pancreatitis, trauma induced proliferation, diabetes, diabetic retinopathy, restenosis following angioplasty, AIDS, neurogenic inflammation, arteritis, and gastrointestinal problems including diarrhea.

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TABLE I-IN VITRO BINDING AFFINITIES AND MOLECULAR WEIGHTS OF SOMATOSTATIN PEPTIDE DERIVATIVES

		MW TEST	MW CALC	IC ₅₀ nM
5	SRIF - 14	_	-	0.17
	SRIF - 28		-	0.23
	BIM - 23107	1340.4	1340.40	0.30
	BIM - 23118	1313.5	1313.52	0.30
	BIM - 23135	1426.2	1426.64	2.52
10	BIM - 23158	1299.6	1299.54	0.33
	BIM - 23167	1347.6	1347.55	0.09
	BIM - 23173	1235.5	1235.46	0.11
	BIM - 23179	1305.9	1305.55	0.12
	BIM - 23181	1435.0	1434.62	0.25
15	BIM - 23182	1193.8	1193.42	0.12
	BIM - 23183	1323.0	1322.49	0.22
	BIM - 23190	1202.8	1202.47	0.20
	BIM - 23191 ·	1314.9	1314.61	0.08
	BIM - 23195	1150.8	1150.39	0.08
20	BIM - 23196	1243.7	1243.50	0.09
	BIM - 23197	1252.7	1252.55	0.29
	BIM - 23201	1262.8	1262.53	0.14
	BIM - 23202	1247.0	1246.53	0.18

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TABLE II-INHIBITION OF STIMULATED GROWTH HORMONE RELEASE IN RATS BY SOMATOSTATIN PEPTIDE DERIVATIVES

INHIBITION (PERCENTILE CONTROL) 25 μ G/KG

		2 Hours	4 Hours	6 Hours	8 Hours
	BIM-23060	86.39	64.96	47.62	38.15
5	BIM-23167	92.67	79.54	59.72	50.14
	BIM-23179	92.79	63.85	67.78	68.26
	BIM-23181	99.24	77.07	60.56	56.12

TABLE III-INHIBITION OF STIMULATED GROWTH HORMONE RELEASE
IN RATS BY SOMATOSTATIN PEPTIDE DERIVATIVES ADMINISTERED
10 S.C.

ED 50 $(\mu g/kg)$

	2 Hours	4 Hours	6 Hours	8 Hours
BIM-23023	0.48	1.11	2.26	4.32
BIM-23190	0.68	0.57	0.76	1.04
BIM-23195	1.19	3.13	2.08	3.23
BIM-23197	1.01	0.59	1.14	1.59

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TABLE IV-ANTIPROLIFERATIVE ACTIVITY OF
SOMATOSTATIN PEPTIDE DERIVATIVES

	CELL GROWTH (PERCENT OF CONTROL) 1		
	SRIF - 14	91.3	
5	SRIF - 28	98.0	
	BIM-23014C	74.1	
	BIM-23107	67.5	
	BIM-23109	72.1	
	BIM-23118	61.0	
10	BIM-23135	62.9	
	BIM-23167	60.2	
	BIM-23173	67.9	
	BIM-23181	69.1	
	BIM-23182	68.7	
15	BIM-23183	69.1	
:	BIM-23195	69.2	
	BIM-23197	66.4	

Concentration 100 nM, AR42J Rat Pancreas Tumor Cells. after 8 days.

20 What is claimed is:

A peptide derivative comprising:
 a biologically active peptide moiety, and
 at least one substituent attached to said peptide
 moiety, wherein said substituent is selected from the
 group consisting of Compounds I, II and III, wherein
 Compound I is:

$$R_1$$
 R_2
 R_3
 OP_4

wherein:

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 R_0 is 0, S, or NR_5 , wherein R_5 is H or (C_1-C_6) alkyl;

each R_1 and R_2 , independently, is H, $(CH_2)_mOR_6$, or $CH(OR_7)CH_2OR_8$, wherein R_6 is H or (C_2-C_7) acyl, and each R_7 and R_8 , independently, is H, (C_2-C_7) acyl, or $C(R_9)(R_{10})$, wherein each R_9 and R_{10} , independently, is H or (C_1-C_6) alkyl;

or each R_1 and R_2 is =CHCH₂OR₁₁, wherein in R_1 and R_2 independently, R_{11} is H or (C_2 - C_7) acyl, and m is an integer between 1 and 5, inclusive; and

one of R_3 or R_4 is $(CH_2)_nR_{12}$ or $(CH_2)_nCH(OH)R_{12}$, wherein R_{12} is CO, CH_2 , or SO_2 , and n is an integer between 1 and 5, inclusive;

and the remaining R_3 or R_4 is H, (C_1-C_6) hydroxyalkyl, or (C_2-C_7) acyl; and

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Compound II is:

$$R_{13}$$
-O-CH₂
 R_{14} -O-CH₂-C-(CH₂)_m-R₁₆-R₁₇-(CH₂)_n-R₁₈
 R_{15} -O-CH₂

5 wherein:

each R_{13} , R_{14} and R_{15} , independently, is H or (C_2 - C_{24}) acyl;

R₁₆ is NH or absent;

 R_{17} is CO, O, or absent;

10 R_{18} is CO, CH_2 , SO_2 , or absent;

m is an integer between 1 and 5, inclusive;

n is an integer between 0 and 5, inclusive; and

Compound III is:

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$$R_{19}-R_{20}-R_{21}-R_{22}-R_{23}-R_{24}-(CH_2)_p-R_{25}-(CH_2)_q-R_{26}$$
(CH₂)_n

wherein:

 R_{19} is H, NH_2 , an aromatic functional group, OH, (C_1-C_6) hydroxyalkyl, $H(R_{27})$ (R_{28}) ,

SO₃H, or absent; wherein each R_{27} and R_{28} , independently, is H or (C_1-C_6) alkyl;

 R_{20} is 0 or absent;

 R_{21} is (C_1-C_6) alkyl or absent;

 R_{22} is N, O, C, or CH;

25 $-R_{23}$ - is (C_1-C_6) alkyl or absent;

 R_{24} is N, CH, or C;

R₂₅ is NH, O, or absent;

 R_{26} is SO_2 , CO, CH_2 , or absent;

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- m is an integer between 0 and 5, inclusive;
- n is an integer between 0 and 5, inclusive;
- p is an integer between 0 and 5, inclusive; and
- q is an integer between 0 and 5 inclusive;
- wherein said peptide moiety is attached to each of said substituents by a CO-N, CH_2 -N, or SO_2 -N bond between said substituent and a nitrogen atom of the N-terminus or a side chain of said peptide moiety.
- The peptide derivative of claim 1, wherein
 said substituent is Compound I.
 - 3. The peptide derivative of claim 2, wherein R_{12} is CH_2 or SO_2 .
 - 4. The peptide derivative of claim 1, wherein said substituent is Compound II.
- 5. The peptide derivative of claim 4, wherein R_{18} is CH_2 or SO_2 .
 - 6. The peptide derivative of claim 5, wherein $\rm R_{13},\ R_{14},\ and\ R_{15}$ are H, and $\rm R_{17}$ is absent.
- 7. The peptide derivative of claim 6, wherein 20 said substituent is $(HOCH_2)_3C-NH-(CH)_2-SO_2$ or $(HOCH_2)_3C-CH_2$.
 - 8. The peptide derivative of claim 1, wherein said substituent is Compound III.
- 9. The peptide derivative of claim 8, wherein 25 -R₂₃- is (C₁-C₆)alkyl; R₂₂ is N, C, or CH; and R₂₄ is C.

- 10. The peptide derivative of claim 8, wherein R_{22} is 0; R_{19} , R_{20} , R_{21} , and $-R_{23}$ - are absent; and the sum of m and n is 3, 4, or 5.
- The peptide derivative of claim 8, wherein 5 $-R_{23}$ is absent.
 - The peptide derivative of claim 11, wherein at least one of R_{22} and R_{24} is N.
 - The peptide derivative of claim 12, wherein both R_{22} and R_{24} are N.
- 10 14. The peptide derivative of claim 13, wherein said substituent is one of:

and

$$HO(CH_2)_2-N$$
 N $-CH_2-CO-$

- 15 The peptide derivative of claim 1, wherein said peptide moiety is selected from the group consisting of: somatostatin, bombesin, calcitonin, calcitonin gene related peptide (CGRP), amylin, parathyroid hormone (PTH), gastrin releasing peptide (GRP), melanocyte
- 20 stimulating hormone (MSH), adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH), parathyroid related peptide (PTHrP), luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone (LHRH), growth hormone releasing factor (GHRF), growth hormone releasing peptide (GHRP), cholecystokinin (CCK), glucagon, Bradykinin,
- 25 glucagon-like peptide (GLP), gastrin, enkephalin, neuromedins, endothelin, substance P, neuropeptide Y (NPY), peptide YY (PYY), vasoactive intestinal peptide (VIP), guanylin, pituitary adenylate cyclase activating

polypeptide (PACAP), beta-cell tropin, adrenomedulin, and derivatives, fragments, and analogs thereof.

- 16. The peptide derivative of claim 15, wherein said peptide moiety is somatostatin or a derivative, 5 fragment, or analog thereof.
- 17. The peptide derivative of claim 16, wherein said somatostatin analog is one of: H-D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Abu-Cys]-Thr-NH2, H-D-Phe-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Thr-Cys]-Nal-NH2, and H-D-Nal-c[Cys-Tyr-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys]-Thr-NH2.
 - 18. The peptide derivative of claim 15, wherein said peptide moiety is bombesin or a derivative, fragment or analog thereof.
- 19. The peptide derivative of claim 1, wherein 15 said peptide derivative is one of:

20. A dimeric peptide derivative, comprising:

two biologically active peptide moieties, and
at least one substituent attached to one of said
peptide moieties, wherein said substituent is one of
Compounds IV and V, wherein Compound IV is:

$$R_1$$
 R_2
 R_3
 R_3
 R_3
 R_3

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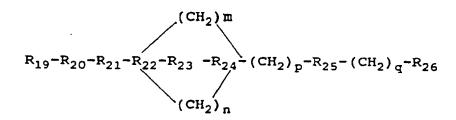
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 R_0 is 0, S, or NR_5 , wherein R_5 is H or (C_1-C_6) alkyl;

each R_1 and R_2 , independently, is H, $(CH_2)_mOR_6$, or $CH(OR_7)CH_2OR_8$, wherein R_6 is H or (C_2-C_7) acyl, and each R_7 and R_8 , independently, is H, (C_2-C_7) acyl, or $C(R_9)(R_{10})$, wherein each R_9 and R_{10} , independently, is H or (C_1-C_6) alkyl;

or each R_1 and R_2 is =CHCH₂OR₁₁, wherein R_{11} in R_1 and R_2 , independently, is H or (C_2-C_7) acyl, and m is an integer between 1 and 5, inclusive; and each R_3 or R_4 , independently, is $(CH_2)_nR_{12}$ or $(CH_2)_nCH(OH)R_{12}$, wherein R_{12} is CO, CH_2 , or SO₂, and n is an integer between 1 and 5, inclusive; and,

15 Compound V is:



wherein:

R₁₉ is SO₂, CO, or CH₂;
R₂₀ is O or absent;
R₂₁ is (C₁-C₆)alkyl or absent;
R₂₂ is N, CH, O, or C;
-R₂₃- is (C₁-C₆)alkyl or absent;
R₂₄ is N, CH, or C;
R₂₅ is NH, O, or absent;
R₂₆ is SO₂, CO, CH₂, or absent;
m is an integer between 0 and 5, inclusive;
n is an integer between 0 and 5, inclusive;

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p is an integer between 0 and 5, inclusive; q is an integer between 0 and 5, inclusive; and wherein at least one of said peptide moieties is attached to each of said substituents by a CO-N, CH₂-N, or SO₂-N bond between said substituent and a nitrogen atom of either the N-terminus or a side chain of one of said peptide moieties.

- 21. The dimeric peptide derivative of claim 20, wherein $-R_{23}-$ is (C_1-C_6) alkyl; R_{22} is N, C or CH; and R_{24} 10 is C.
 - 22. The dimeric peptide derivative of claim 20, wherein R_{22} is O; R_{19} , R_{20} , R_{21} and $-R_{23}$ are absent; and the sum of m and n is 3, 4, or 5.
- 23. A method of treating a disease of a patient,
 15 comprising the step of administering to said patient a therapeutic amount of the peptide derivative of claim 1.
 - 24. The method of claim 23, wherein said peptide moiety is somatostatin or an analog thereof.
- 25. The method of claim 23, wherein said disease 20 is cancer.

Effect of Somatostatin Analogs on the Proliferation of AR42J Rat Pancreatic Tumor Cells

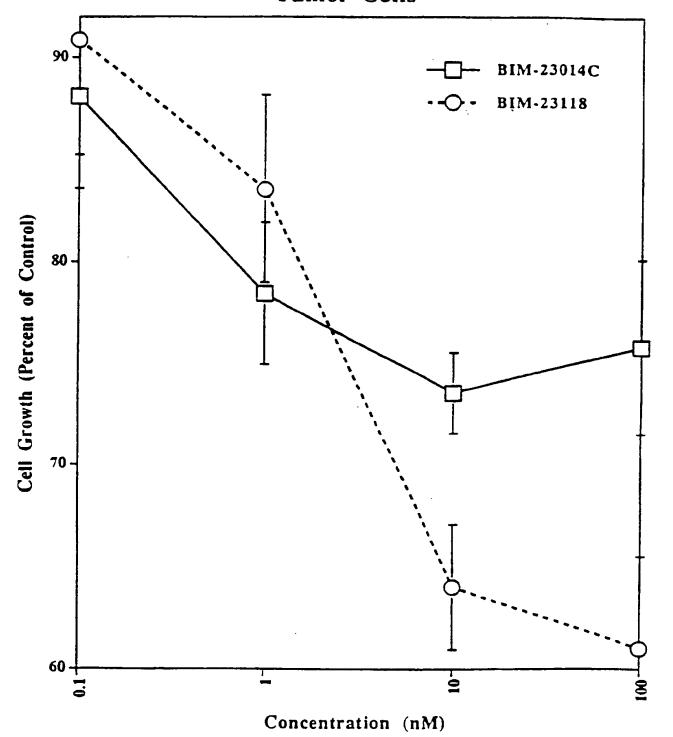


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